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Denali Training Fund Quarterly Progress Report

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Signed by: <i>Joe Parrish</i> Dated 1-14-10	

1. In a few sentences, please describe the scope of your project

The Young Alaskans Building Affordable Housing (YABAH) is a program of SAGA whose mission is: Improving Lives, Lands and Communities throughout Alaska. The program is based in Sitka, Alaska and is a 6-9 month long employability training program for young Alaskans seeking valuable education, life skills and job training. The participants work towards obtaining their GED while also learning basic construction skills while they build a house from the ground up. During the program, participants learn important leadership and life skills.

2. Project Activities for this Reporting Period:

Describe the grant activities that happened during this report period. Include planning, advertisement and/or training performance that occurred this quarter? List any accomplishments achieved. (Attach advertisements if applicable)

During this quarterly report the YABAH program closed out its 2009 program. The participants finished out the program on December 10, 2009 with their culmination graduation. The program graduated 12 participants successfully, with 10 being exited at the end of the quarter. The graduation was open for attending and

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was held at the Southeast Alaska Career Center. Before graduation the program and participants accomplished much before their exit. Participant Ronny Bingham obtained his GED. Participant Joanne Littlefield obtained her GED. Participant Nate Nesheim obtained his GED. Participants continued to work on the construction of the house. At the end of November YABAH hired on a new construction manager, Dan Evans, who brings years of experience and eagerness to the job site. Participants took to Dan quickly and were excited to learn from him. Participants Nicole Gamble and Ronny Bingham attended a week long training in health behavior. Multiple participants volunteered time in creating art for a Domestic Violence Awareness piece within the community set up by SAFV, Sitkans Against Family Violence. Guidance Counselor Eileen Sisk set up workshops for participants at the Sitka Job Center to focus on the participant's next step after the YABAH program. SEARHC Health Nutritionist Lisa Sadler-Hart performed a 4 week long health/cooking class for the participants to learn about healthy living and eating.

3. Scheduled Project Activities/Important Dates for next quarter:

Describe your planned activities and training for next few months. Please include important dates like graduation, site visits, travel, job fairs, etc.

Throughout the next quarter the program will be finishing up the completion of the house. Participants Jasper Moore and Nate Nesheim continue to work for the program with helping the completion of the YABAH house. AmeriCorps volunteers Josh Houston and David Colon also continue to work on the house with Dan Evans guidance. Along with the completion of the house focus on closing out the major operations of the program is being handled. Follow up on participants will start as soon as the new year does and continuing to give participants support and guidance. Making sure that participants are being placed in jobs or educational pursuits will be an ongoing project for YABAH.

4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period?

12

b. How many people have been trained and/or certified to date from this grant?

(Please complete form below.)

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5. Please list complete the list by putting the community to which each individual trained is from, the type of training and certification, the graduation date and who will employ them upon completion of training.

Community where trainee lives	Type of Training/ Service	Type of Certification to be earned/earned	Dates of training	Graduation Date	Employment commitment after training is complete
Rebecca Alexia, Sitka	YouthBuild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers Course, SAGE Academy, Intro to Weatherization	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	Did not graduate	Participant was exited before completing the program
Bethany Austin, Sitka	YouthBuild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers Course, SAGE Academy, Intro to Weatherization	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	Did not Graduate	Participant was exited before completing the program
John Beesley; Sitka	YouthBuild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps EAP Award, Intro to Weatherization	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Placement from YABAH's help
Ronny Bingham; Sitka	YouthBuild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License,	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Placed into a job at Eagle Bay Inn, performing customer service

		AmeriCorps EAP Award, Behavioral Health Academy			
Kayla Conine, Sitka	YouthBu ild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers Course, SAGE Academy, Intro to Weatherizatio n	April 16- Dec. 11, 2009	Did not graduate	Participant was exited before the program was completed
Kagan Cusick; Sitka	YouthBu ild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps EAP Award, Intro to Weatherizatio n	April 16- Dec. 11, 2009	Decembe r 10, 2009	Placement from YABAH's help
Nicole Gamble; Sitka	YouthBu ild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps EAP Award, Behavioral Health Academy	April 16- Dec. 11, 2009	Decembe r 10, 2009	Placement from YABAH's help
David Lapchynski, Sitka	YouthBu ild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy,	April 16- Dec. 11, 2009	Decembe r 10, 2009	Placement from YABAH's help

		Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps EAP Award			
James Lapchynski, Sitka	YouthBuild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers Course, SAGE Academy, Intro to Weatherization	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	Did not graduate	Participant was exited before completion of the program
Joanne Littlefield; Sitka	YouthBuild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps EAP Award	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Placement from YABAH's help
Jasper Moore, Sitka	YouthBuild	Diploma, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps EAP Award	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Continue to work with YABAH to complete house
Gus Nelson, Sitka	YouthBuild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers Course, SAGE Academy, Intro to Weatherization	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	Did not graduate	Participant was exited before completing the program
Nate Nesheim; Sitka	YouthBuild	GED, UAS Construction	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Continue to work with YABAH to complete

		Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps EAP Award, Intro to Weatherization	2009		house
David Rear; Sitka	YouthBuild	Diploma, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps EAP Award	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Continuing his education with the goal of obtaining his diploma, spring 2010
Loren Sands; Sitka	YouthBuild	Diploma, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps EAP Award, Intro to Weatherization	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Pursuing his own non-profit work
Matt Teayoumeak; Sitka	YouthBuild	Diploma, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Continuing his education with the goal of obtaining his diploma, spring 2010

		EAP Award			
Mike Ward; Sitka	YouthBuild	GED, UAS Construction Course, AARP Drivers course, SAGE Academy, Food Handlers Permit, Drivers License, AmeriCorps EAP Award	April 16- Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Placed into a job with M&D Ward Inc. in Haines, AK

Please copy and use another sheet if you need more spaces.

6. Please identify any problems or changes in your training project that will affect the budget, scope or timeline of the project. Is your training on schedule? What are the reasons for any difficulties or delays? Are you over budget/under budget? Have you had to change the initial scope?

The training of construction is delayed due to the house site prep. We had a delayed construction start day and as of the end of the quarter we are moving to complete the house before the end of the year. At the end of the program the house is preparing to be dry walled with electrical and plumbing completed. We have addressed the behind schedule house construction and contracted with supportive help in technical areas to make sure we get back on track. With the hiring on of new YABAH construction manager Dan Evans the program hopes to rally through with the completion of the house. Dan Evans has projected the completion of the house at late February or into March.

Another main concern is participant numbers for the program. That puts our retention rate at 75% which is just above the national average for this program. We however, would like to see our retention rate be 80% or higher. This year's retention rate is an improvement from the previous year (70%).

Please provide an explanation to this change and your resolution to the variance.

7. How are you or will you be evaluating the individuals being trained to ensure competency, skill level and understanding? (Testing, assessment, etc)

The program has systems in place to maintain an ongoing evaluation of participant progress. MIS is a program designed to keep participant's information and services accounted for. Also participants have evaluations from staff to keep performance measured and accounted for. The staff uses the Y.E.S., Youth Employability Skills, guideline to evaluate the participants and the program manager meets with participants to discuss progress. The program has weekly meetings to stay on top of participants progression. Before the participants officially exited staff reviewed the participants performance in a constructive form to provide feedback to participants for their time throughout the year in YABAH.

8. Please identify areas that we can assist you in the future.